

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF MARTIN GAS, INC. FOR AN)	
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES PURSUANT TO THE)	
ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING PROCEDURE FOR)	CASE NO. 96-280
SMALL UTILITIES)	

O R D E R

On July 16, 1996, Martin Gas, Inc. ("Martin Gas") filed with the Commission an application seeking a rate increase pursuant to Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:076, the Alternative Rate Filing Procedure for Small Utilities.

On August 5, 1996, Martin Gas filed a letter, which the Commission treats as a motion, stating that it desires to withdraw its application. In support of the motion, Martin Gas states that "it is clear . . . from the reaction of our consumers that they do not favor the potential long term benefits offered by [the proposed] increase and instead would prefer the maintenance of the status quo."

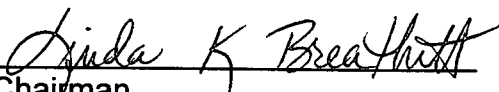
Having reviewed Martin Gas's motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that said motion should be granted. Martin Gas should closely monitor its financial condition and file for an adjustment of its rates when appropriate to ensure the financial integrity of the utility.

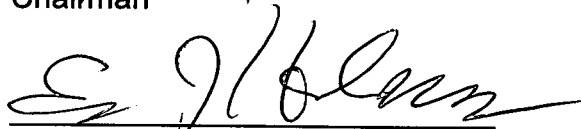
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

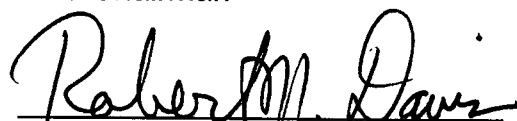
1. Martin Gas's motion to withdraw its application is hereby granted.
2. This case is hereby closed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of August, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director